



## Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair  
Stephen Nekolek  
Suzanne Elefante  
~~Jennifer Lopez~~  
Cynthia Schiesel  
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair  
Barbara O'Brien

#### Representing:

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 2  
~~Ward 3~~  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

#### Advisory Members Present:

Geoffrey Boyce  
Kathleen May  
Karen Brandel

#### Advisory Member Absent:

**Jennifer Lopez**

**Ward 3**

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department  
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department  
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney's Office  
Robert Barton, Independent Police Auditor

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department  
Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor

#### Others Present:

Captain Richards, Tucson Police Department  
Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department  
Ana Smith, Secretary City Clerk's Office

## 2. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of August 19, 2008**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the minutes of July 15, 2008, with corrections: Item 1: Scrivener's error on Page 3, Paragraph 2, should read: ~~Lieutenant Reza~~ **Liana Perez**.

## 3. **First Call to the Audience**

There were no speakers.

## 4. **Presentation:**

- A. CPARB history and development – Suzanne Elefante and ~~Liz Bokka-Smith~~

Chair Thornton stated before the presentation that there was a scrivener's error on the above name of ~~Liz Bokka-Smith~~ should read: **Liz Botka-Smith**.

Suzanne Elefante spoke about the evolution of CPARB. She also mentioned that Liz Botka-Smith was not able to attend the meeting due to a last minute engagement.

- B. CPARB Rules and Regulations and Overview of Open Meeting Law – Baird Greene

Baird Greene spoke about the Open Meeting Law and explained the rules and regulations that CPARB should abide by.

## 5. **Office of Independent Police Auditor**

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Bob Barton, Police Auditor, stated that in the month of July 2008, the Independent Police Auditor made an outreach presentation to the Post Basic Class on July 9, 2008. He said he also attended an informational fair at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Facility where he provided information along with other organizations from the community to the juvenile inmates.

Mr. Barton stated Liana Perez asked for some information to be passed on to CPARB about their fiscal budget. Five thousand dollars is to be used on training, printing or any other uses of the Board. No funds were allocated for travel relating to training. The Board was asked not to expend funds until January 2009, because of the budget constraints. At this point, CPARB members, nor any of the Ex-Officio members would be able to attend the Civilian Oversight of Law

Enforcement's (NACOLE) Annual conference, which would be held on October 27-30, 2008, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Barton stated that Liana Perez sat in on the meeting between Assistant Police Chief Villasenor and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). He said she stated to him that the presentation given by Assistant Police Chief Villasenor relating to the case of Eleanor Charles was very ~~through~~ **thorough** and complete. He also said the outcome was that the FBI declined to take the case because it was out of their jurisdiction. He added the outcome of this case was forwarded to the Lacey family in care of Mr. Lacey.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Police Auditor, stated the office received ten inquiries, three complaints, and conducted a review of seven files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of eighteen fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs.

## 6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Bob Shoun stated that this was his last meeting as the Commander of Professional Standards and that Captain Bill Richards would be taking over and attending the meeting at the end of August 2008.

Chair Thornton stated, on behalf of CPARB, they would miss Captain Shoun and they were happy that Captain Bill Richards would be joining CPARB. Chair Thornton presented Certificates of Appreciation to Captain Bob Shoun and Sergeant Paul Sayre.

Captain Bill Richards stated he was looking forward to working with CPARB. He said he was not sure how long he would be working with CPARB since they get moved in sporadic intervals. Captain Bill Richards then introduced ~~Captain Chief Robinson~~ **Assistance Chief Robinson**.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments the prior month.

No report given.

7. **Recess**

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to forego recess.

8. **Random Review of TPD Investigation:**

1. Case# 08-0175

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0175 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0091

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0091 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0283

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to find Case # 08-0283 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. **Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for July as reported on 8/1/08.**

Barbara O'Brien stated she was impressed with the letter regarding the Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association (RRNA) that was sent to the Mayor and Council. She stated it was well written and asked if there was follow-up on the letter. Meredith Gierke, TPD, responded by stating she had forwarded the referral along with the letter to Captain Robinson of the Operations Division. Chair Thornton asked Bob Barton, Police Auditor, if the Independent Police Auditor's office had been out to this neighborhood association for outreach efforts. Mr. Barton stated he had not been out to the neighborhood association, but had been to the ward offices and had spoken to council staff.

Chair Thornton stated there were comments made about graffiti and tagging. She asked TPD if this was a summer event issue. Captain Richards responded that graffiti was a pervasive issue on the east side. He said it was actively pursued on a regular basis with resources from the East Division. He said graffiti abatement was a continuing problem on the east side. He stated that graffiti abatement was coming back to TPD.

~~Kathleen May~~ **Karen Brandal** stated she read the comment about the officer shooting a dog and asked if it was true. Captain Bob Shoun responded by stating it was true and he spoke about the facts of the case.

## 10. CPARB Subcommittee Reports

### A. Training

Discussion ensued whether or not to have training during CPARB meetings and whether or not to have a training day.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** to hold training during the CPARB meetings.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez absent)** not to have a training day.

## 11. Second Call to the Audience

Harold Harrison spoke regarding his frustration on the conduct of a police officer who was called out to his home.

## 12. Report from Chair / Announcements

Chair Thornton made the following announcements:

- She stated the Tucson Weekly featured CPARB and Independent Police Auditor (IPA) in two articles asking readers if they felt these two Boards should exist since there were budget constraints.
- She stated that Fox 11 News was in attendance at the last CPARB meeting and the featured story was of the case of Eleanor Charles and the Lacey Family.
- She said in the Board's packets there was a thank you letter to the police department.
- She noticed there were two letters by the Editor in the paper complimenting the Police Department.
- She stated to the Board that after hearing how the CPARB Board came to be and about the rules and regulations, the Board would need to consider its options. She said that there was some interest in doing more outreach, and that the board was more than welcome to go with IPA on their outreach outings.
- There could be potential changes to the rules and regulations of CPARB.
- Consideration of CPARB's pamphlet should not be held until after January.

- She reminded the Board that continuing education was self-monitored. The Board should consider what areas of continuing education members might pursue.

### 13. **Future Agenda Items**

- September 2008, presentations on Impound Policies/New Towing impound law.
- September 2008, Police Training about how to approach and interact with Citizens having mental health issues.
- October 2008, discussion on new policy/procedures for the Community Events Section of TPD.
- November 2008, Report on the ~~Chicago Alternative Policing Strategies Program~~ **Comprehensive Assessment Practical Skills (CAPS)** – by Captain Bob Shoun.
- December 2008, discussion about Communications (Commo) activities.

Note: Cynthia Schiesel departed at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was in effect.

### 14. **Adjournment- 7:10 p.m.**

Motion by Susan Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of ~~7 to 0~~, **6 to 0**, **(Jennifer Lopez absent)** to adjourn.